IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
	Zhong et al.)
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 22 JUL 05

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Sir:

Applicant submits this paper in response to the Office Action mailed July 22, 2005 (the "Office Action"). Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Claim Amendments are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.